

## INTIMATIONS

THE OVERSEA-CHINESE STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

will leave for Amoy and Swatow on MONDAY, the 27th instant, at 10 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1885. [810]

THE OVERSEA-CHINESE STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR MANILA, DIRECT.  
THE Company's Steamship.

"ESMERALDA,"  
Captain Tayler, will be despatched for the  
above Port on MONDAY, the 27th instant,  
FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, 25th April, 1885. [SII]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship  
"DOUGLAS,"  
Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the

Above Ports on TUESDAY, the 28th instant.  
 DAYLIGHT.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,**  
 General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1885. [813]

**PROSPECTUS**  
OF THE

CHINESE IMPERIAL  
GOVERNMENT  
1885 DOLLAR LOAN.

AUTHORISED by the IMPERIAL  
GOVERNMENT OF CHINA and  
in conformity with Decrees Issued by the  
SUNG-LI YAMEN, or GENERAL FO-  
UNG OFFICE at Peking and officially

communicated to the CHARTERED BANK  
OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
HONGKONG, through the BRITISH LEGA-  
TION at PEKING, bearing dates the 26th day

For DOLLARS 1,394,700.14 Hongkong  
Currency, Equivalent of TAELS 1,000,000 at  
17 in 2790 Bonds of \$500 each, excepting one

The CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT guarantees the repayment of this Loan within three







## AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTING A NUMEROUS CLASS.

The disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but, if neglected, it involves the whole frame, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system. The afflicted drops out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but if the reader will ask himself the following questions, he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted. Have I distressing pain in the back, or in the loins, or in the stomach? Is there a dull, heavy feeling attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky mucus gather about the gums and teeth in the morning, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Are there pains in the side and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver were enlarging? Is there constipation? Is there vertigo, or dizziness, or a feeling of giddiness when rising suddenly from a horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys scanty and highly colored, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after digestion, accompanied by flatulency or a belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at one time, but they form the nucleus of the disease, and as the disease progresses, more and more of these symptoms will be present. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a sickly, yellowish appearance, the hands and feet are covered by a cold, sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailing against the latter agonizing disorder. The origin of this disease is indisposition, dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper medicine will remove the disease if taken in the incipient stage. It is most important that the disease be promptly and properly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure, and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy, perseveringly used, will effect every vestige of the disease, it is eradicated, until the appetite has returned, and the digestive organs restored to a healthy condition. The surest and most effective remedy for this distressing complaint is "Seigel's Kidney and Bladder Syrup," which is sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors throughout the world, and by the proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 17, Farringdon Road, London, E.C. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it root and branch, out of the system.

Market Place, Pocklington, York.

Sir—Being a sufferer for years with dyspepsia in all its worst forms, and after spending pounds in medicines, I was at last persuaded to try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and am thankful to state that after taking about four bottles, I am feeling better than I have for years, and would advise any one suffering from the same complaint to give it a trial, the results they would soon find for themselves. If you like to make use of this testimonial, you are quite at liberty to do so.

Yours respectfully, R. Turner.

Seigel's Operating Pills are the only pills I have ever used. They cleanse the bowels from all irritating substances, and leave them in a healthy condition. They are costless.

15th August, 1885.

Dear Sir—I write to tell you that Mr. Henry Hillier, of Yatebury, Wiltshire, informs me that he suffered from a severe form of indigestion for upwards of four years, and took no end of doctor's medicine without the slightest benefit, and declares Mother Seigel's Syrup which he got from me has saved his life.

N. Wren.

Preston, Sept. 21st, 1885.

My Dear Sir—Your Syrup and Pills are still very popular with my customers, many of whom say they are the best family medicines possible.

The other day a customer came for two bottles of Syrup and said "Mother Seigel" had saved the life of his wife, and had cured "one of those bottles I am sending you, and I have a friend who is very ill. I have had him in it."

The sale keeps up wonderfully, in fact, one would fancy almost that the people were beginning to break through the "fog" and are now getting the satisfaction so great—I am, Sir, yours faithfully, (Signed) W. Bowker.

To A. J. White, Esq.

[2191-2]

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(Face Masses, Fahrenheit &amp; Centigrade.)

Thermometer	9 a.m.	12 p.m.	3 p.m.	6 p.m.	9 p.m.
Barometer	30.0	30.1	30.2	30.3	30.4
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## HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

25th April to 1st May, 1886.

Low Water	High Water	Low Water	High Water
2.15	8.15	2.15	8.15
3.15	9.15	3.15	9.15
4.15	10.15	4.15	10.15
5.15	11.15	5.15	11.15
6.15	12.15	6.15	12.15
7.15	1.15	7.15	1.15
8.15	2.15	8.15	2.15
9.15	3.15	9.15	3.15
10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
11.15	5.15	11.15	5.15
12.15	6.15	12.15	6.15

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

2nd April, 1886, at 10 a.m.

Station	Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Clouds
Shanghai	30.0	74	W	1/4
Amoy	30.1	76	W	1/4
Swatow	30.2	78	W	1/4
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Amoy	30.4	82	W	1/4
Swatow	30.5	84	W	1/4

## METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th April, 1886.

Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.0	30.1
Thermometer	74	76
Direction of wind	E.S.E.	E.S.E.
Force of wind	0.5	0.5
Weather	c.	c.
Rain	0.01	0.01

## OHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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## BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Goodell	Hagan	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Bellona (str.)	Schneider	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On or about 1st May.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Willy	Hagan	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Anchises (str.)	Jackson	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 30th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Alex. McNeil	David	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Natal (str.)	Jack	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 30th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Amphitrite (str.)	C. L. Taylor	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 30th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Nellie M. Wade	D. Gould	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	City of New York (str.)	Praser	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 2nd May, at 3 p.m.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Theresa	Praser	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	W. H. S. S. Co.	Praser	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 2nd May, at 4 p.m.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Colaba (str.)	de Haan	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On or about 29th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Lord of the Isles (str.)	Felgate	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Sumatra (str.)	J. Newton	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	W. H. S. S. Co.	J. Newton	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Cyprus (str.)	de Haan	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Esmeralda (str.)	Taylor	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Amatista (str.)	Hamlin	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
HAYRE AND HAMBURG	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Hamlin	Hongkong	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	On 27th inst.
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## VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA. NAGASAKI AND KOBE. (Passing through the Island Sea.) THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.



## EXTRACT.

## THE SOLDIERS OF THE GUARD.

A NARRATIVE SONO.

The following verses from a well-known hand are to be set to music, and the song will be played by the Guard band.

Wake! England! from your slumber,  
For Queen and country, wake!  
Your countrymen are weeping,  
Your honour is at stake.

Hark! to the roar and rattle  
That echo far away  
Gird up your loins for battle,  
Or stay at home and pray.

For the men who are marching to the front,  
For the women who are weeping and bereft,  
For the boys who bear the heat and the heat  
For the broken-hearted girls that have left,  
For the mother, and the sister, and the duty may be  
For the glory of the soldiers of the Guard!

Speed, England, they are crying  
For help from mother land,  
Arise, the dead and dying  
Left on the desert sand.

Watch to the front and brave it,  
Pick out the rebels' flag;  
Unfold the flag and leave it,  
That England may sing.

For the men who are marching to the front, &c.  
Speed, England, and show it  
Ring out the traitors' knell;  
Find out the spot, and love it,  
Where gallant Gordon fell.

March! for the bands are playing,  
Leave to the loved a tear,  
Farwell! the anchor's weighing,  
But let the people cheer.

For the men who are marching to the front, &amp;c.

C. S. in Pall Mall Budget.

## SPRING FINDING IN BAVARIA.

The *Alpine* finding gives some interesting particulars of remarkable success in indicating the presence of water springs on the part of a man named Berez, who seems to be a recognised authority in such matters. The scene of his performances in the Bavarian highlands, at a height of more than 1,300 feet above the level of the sea. The comings of Rottenburg, Herr Hirschhorn, suffered greatly from want of water, and invited Berez last autumn to endeavour to find some source of supply for them. He inspected the locality one afternoon in presence of the public authorities and a reporter of the *Alpine Zeitung*, and announced that water was to be found in certain spots at depths which he stated. The first spot was in the lower village, and he gave the likely depth at between 62 feet and 72 feet, adding that the volume of water which the spring would give would be of about the diameter of an inch and a quarter. After incessant labour for four weeks, consisting mainly of rock blasting, the workmen came on a copious spring of water at a depth of almost 67 feet. What he declared about a water source for the upper village was very singular. He pointed to a spot where, he said, three water courses lay perpendicularly under one another, and running in parallel courses. The first would be found at a depth of between 22 feet and 30 feet, of about the size of a shaven straw, and running in the direction from south-east to north-west. The second lay about 42 feet deep, was of about the size of a thick quill, and ran in the same direction. The third, he said, lay at a depth of about 56 feet, running in the same direction, and as large as a man's little finger. The actual results were as follows:—The first water source was struck at a depth of 27 feet, running in the direction indicated, and having a diameter of one-fifth of an inch. The workmen came on the second at a depth of 42 feet; it had a diameter of 7-32nds of an inch. The third was found at 62 feet below the surface, and having a diameter of 4-32nds of an inch—all three running in the same direction. Berez indicated. Unfortunately no hint is given of his method of procedure.

## THE SURNAMES IN PICKWICK.

With respect to a note which has been published on the subject of the source of the surnames in "Pickwick," there appears to be strong evidence that, so far from "Waller" being merely the cognomen of the irresponsible owner of a door-plate in Cambridge, pressed into Dickens's service as a random name, it was a real name, and character of Samuel Wall, a well-known and popular low-comedy actor, that together combined to form the original of the immortal "Samuel." Sam Wall, by a little corruption common to "Dickens" as witness the notorious origin of "Miss Weller," easily becomes Sam Waller or Waller, and finally Waller. The above extract from the notes of George Cruikshank's works through the artist's characteristic portrait of him as "Dickey Searg," the butcher boy in *Dolly and the Rat*, a two-act farce, first played at the Olympic Theatre in 1833. The best-known of Sam Wall's characters is his "Simon Spatterdash," in *The Boar's Head*, a very popular farce in the early part of the century, revived for him at Drury Lane Theatre in 1822, the year after Dickens's family removed to London. Charles being ten years old at the time. Wall's quaint comparison (which form also one of the humorous of Sam Wall's conversation), for which his every-day talk was distinguished, were lavishly introduced by the actor into his part, and made a distinct hit. Among those which have been recorded we find the following:—"Come on!" as the man said to the tight-rope;—"Why, here we are all mustered," as the roast beef said to the Welsh rabbit;—"Where shall we fly?" as the bullet said to the trigger;—"I know the world," as the monkey said when he cut off his tail;—"There he is, musical and unmelancholy," as the cricket said to the ten-bottle;—"An interesting little pamphlet on this subject, entitled, 'On the Origin of Sam Waller,' has been published by Messrs. Jarvis & Son, of King William Street, Strand.

## DE BANANA.

The banana leaf, with its practically almost identical relation, the plantain, is a real bit of tropical foliage. The tree is a creeping underground, and sends up each year an upright branch, thickly covered with majestic broad green leaves, somewhat like those of the banana cultivated in our gardens, but only that its flowers are more numerous and handsomer. These sometimes measure from six to ten feet in length, and their thick midrib and strongly marked diverging veins give them a very lovely and graceful appearance. In the South Sea Islands, where there is little shelter, the poor Fijian, in canonical days, often lost his means of subsistence; this tree, and was compelled to satisfy the pangs of hunger on the plantain leaves of his immediate relatives. But since the introduction of Christianity, and of a dwarf stout wind-proof variety of banana, his condition in this respect, I am glad to say, has been greatly ameliorated. By the banana leaf, with its practically almost identical relation, the plantain, is a real bit of tropical foliage. The tree is a creeping underground, and sends up each year an upright branch, thickly covered with majestic broad green leaves, somewhat like those of the banana cultivated in our gardens, but only that its flowers are more numerous and handsomer. These sometimes measure from six to ten feet in length, and their thick midrib and strongly marked diverging veins give them a very lovely and graceful appearance. In the South Sea Islands, where there is little shelter, the poor Fijian, in canonical days, often lost his means of subsistence; this tree, and was compelled to satisfy the pangs of hunger on the plantain leaves of his immediate relatives. But since the introduction of Christianity, and of a dwarf stout wind-proof variety of banana, his condition in this respect, I am glad to say, has been greatly ameliorated.

practical man, with his eye always steadily fixed on the important quality of edibility—the sun and substance to most people of all botanical research—has confined his attention almost entirely to the fruit of the banana. In all essentials (other than the systematically unimportant one just alluded to) the banana fruit in its original state exactly resembles the capsule of the iris that pretty pod that divides in three when ripe; and shows the delicate orange-colored seeds lying in triple rows within—only, in the sweet language of technical botany, it is an indehiscent capsule; and the seeds, instead of standing separate and distinct, as in the iris, are embedded in a soft pulpy substance which forms the edible and practical part of the entire arrangement. This is the proper appearance of the original and natural banana, before it has been taken in hand and cultivated by tropical man.

When cut across the middle, it ought to show three rows of seeds, interspersed with pulp, and faintly preserving some dim memory of the division which once separated them; but in practice, however, the banana differs widely from this theoretical ideal, as practices often will differ from theory; for it has been so long cultivated and selected by man, being probably one of the very oldest, if not actually quite the oldest, of domesticated plants—that it has all but lost its original habit of producing seeds. —*Cornhill Magazine.*

## REMINISCENCES OF GORDON.

"I am quite alone, and like it. I have become very popular as a great favorite, and I trust find my way through every difficulty. The solitary grandeur of the desert makes one feel how vain is the effort of man. This carries me through my troubles, and enables me to look on death as a coming relief, when it is his will. . . . It is only an instrument put in use for a time that enables me to bear up; and in my present state, during my period, hot, weary, idle, I think my thoughts better and clearer than I should with a companion." It will be seen by this citation from our departed hero's diary that his fatalism was not a belief in unchangeable destiny, independent of a controlling Cause; but a deep faith in a controlling Cause which guides the erring and keeps the meek. Here are some of the maxims which he has made himself, and by which his spiritual life is governed: "It is a delightful thing to be a fatalist, not as that word is generally employed, but to accept that, when things happen and not before, God has for some wise reason so ordained them to happen all things, not only the great things, but all the circumstances of life; that is, what is meant to me by the words 'you are dead,' in St. Paul to the Colossians." Again: "We have nothing further to do when the scroll of events is unrolled than to accept them as being for the best. Before it is unrolled it is another matter; and you could not say I sat all day long with my head buried in a pillow. All I can say is, in the midst of troubles and worries no one can have peace till he thus stays upon his God; it gives a man a supernatural strength." And elsewhere: "If we could take all things as ordained and for the best, we should indeed be conquerors of the world. Nothing has ever happened to man so bad as he has anticipated it to be. If we accept of things as they are, and as they would not be so painful to bear. I cannot separate the existence of a God from his pre-ordination and direction of all things good and evil; the latter He permits, but still controls. . . . I gave you Watson on Contentment; there is true exposition of how happiness is to be obtained—i.e., by submission to the will of God, whatever that will may be. He who can see that he has overcome the world and its trials. Everything that happens to-day, good or evil, is settled and fixed, and it is no use fretting over it. The quiet, peaceful life of our Lord was solely due to His submission to God's will. There will be times when a man will come on one, and the strain will run strong in the blood. The above extract from Hake's "Story of Chinese Gordon" is fully illustrated by the following curious and characteristic episode in Gordon's career, narrated in the same work:—"When Gordon Pasha was taken prisoner by the Abyssinians he completely electrified King John. The King received his prisoner sitting on his throne, and a number of his favorites stood by his side. The king seated a chair before the prisoner, considerably lower than the seat on which the King sat. The first thing the Pasha did was to seize this chair, place it alongside that of his Majesty, and sit down on it; the next to inform him that he met him as an equal and as a man of war, and that this somewhat disconcerted his able Majesty, but on recovering himself he said, 'Do you know, Gordon Pasha, that I could kill you at the spot if I liked?' 'I am perfectly well aware of it, your Majesty,' said the Pasha. 'Do so at once if it is your Royal pleasure. I am ready.' This disconcerted the King still more, and he exclaimed, 'What! ready to be killed?' 'I am ready to die, your Majesty, I am always ready to die, and so far from fearing your putting me to death, you would confer a favour on me by so doing, for you would be doing for me that which I am precluded by my religious scruples from doing for myself—only would relieve me from all the troubles and misfortunes which the future may have in store for me.' This completely staggered King John, who staggered out in dismay, 'Then my power has no terrors for you?' 'None whatever,' was the Pasha's laconic reply. 'His Majesty, it is needless to add, instantly collapsed.' The following letter has been received from Sir H. W. 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In this, his whole aim, he failed, and he and his faithful followers have, through internal treachery, been massacred by the Soudanese, the very people of whom General Gordon had said: 'I would give my life for these poor people of the Soudan; how can I help feeling for them?' Believe me, faithfully yours, H. W. Gordon.—George Trevelyan Esq., Sec. Greenwell Conservative Association."

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